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AND IMAGE-RECORDING DEVICE

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Further to the two prior IDS documents previously submitted, the Applicant, in accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §§ 1.56 and MPEP 609, through its attorneys and representatives, hereby brings to the attention of the Examiner the additional information noted on the attached Form PTO-1449, a copy of which are enclosed. The cited documents, a copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority Opinion (Form PCT/ISA/237 and Form PCT/1B/338) relates to two documents that were previously submitted. This submission is timely in that it is made prior to the first action on the merits of the application.

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It is requested that the Examiner review the information noted and make such consideration of record.

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